



S.CON.RES. 67 - A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

FLOOR SITUATION

S.Con.Res. 67 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on February 8, 2008, and passed by unanimous consent that same day. The bill was referred to the House Committee on House Administration, but was not considered.

S.Con.Res. 67 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on February 27, 2007.

SUMMARY

S.Con.Res. 67 establishes a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies that will be made up of 3 Senators and 3 Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The resolution authorizes the Joint Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States.

This resolution authorizes the Joint Committee to utilize equipment and personnel of departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the inaugural proceedings and ceremonies. It also allows the Joint Committee to accept gifts and donations of goods and services to carry out its responsibilities.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in 1901, the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies has overseen all of the inaugural ceremonies held at the U.S. Capitol.

**Note: The Senate oversaw the 28 Presidential inaugurations prior to 1901.*

Once S.Con.Res. 67 is passed the Joint Committee is established and members are appointed. The Joint Committee traditionally includes the Senate Majority Leader, the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives.

The next inauguration will be January 20, 2009.

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